

# Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

August 25, 2006

## Message From County Executive Walker

*This week I announced that my 2007 County Budget would include nearly \$250,000 to enhance housing programs for people with chronic mental illness. I hope that by addressing these issues upfront, we can actually save money in the long run by allowing these patients to live in the community and not in the Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex. I commend Department of Health and Human Services Director, Rob Henken and Jim Hill, Director of the Behavioral Health Division for their proactive approach to this problem. While providing housing is not directly under the authority of the County, there is clearly a need for someone to take the lead in addressing this growing problem. You can read the Milwaukee Journal article and their editorial on this here:*

<http://www.jsonline.com/story/index.aspx?id=486296>

<http://www.jsonline.com/story/index.aspx?id=486719>

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## USA Rugby All-Star Championships



The USA Rugby Men's and Women's All Star Sevens Championship will take place Saturday, August 26 and Sunday, August 27 at the Milwaukee County Sports Complex in Franklin.

The championship consists of 16 men's and women's teams from across the US. For more information, go to [www.wisconsinrfu.com](http://www.wisconsinrfu.com) or call 1-800-373-5056.

## New Route Opened For Menomonee Valley

On Wednesday, County Executive Walker participated in an event to open a new Milwaukee County Transit Route that will serve the booming Menomonee Valley area. The route will travel from the Downtown Transit Center west along Canal Street. The new route is a collaborative effort between the county, the state, and local businesses.



County Executive Walker, Mayor Barrett, Supervisor West, Jeff Crawford - Forest County Potawatomi Community, and Frank Ballistreri - Wi Dept. of Transportation

## Summer Is Almost Gone... Go See A Free Concert



As the days get shorter and kids are getting ready to return to school, there are still some great opportunities to attend some free concerts in Milwaukee County's Parks. Listed here are just some of the concerts offered in the parks next week. For a full listing of all concerts offered, visit the Parks Department website at: [www.countyparks.com](http://www.countyparks.com).

Boerner Botanical Gardens, August 31, 6:30 – 8:15pm

*"Rick Holmes and the Blues Review"*

Cathedral Square Park, August 31, 6:30 – 9:00pm

*"Jazz In The Park"*

Columbus Park, August 25, 5:30 – 8:30pm

*"Mixed Generations & Terry Sims Band"*

Grant Park, August 31, 5:30 – 8:30pm

*"Garlic Mustard Pickers & Steve Cohen/Jim Liban"*

Humboldt Park, August 29, 6:30 – 8:30pm

*"Upside Groove Coalition"*

Jackson Park, August 29, 6:30 – 9:30pm

*"Fire Sign"*

## Calendar of Events

### MEXICAN FIESTA

PLACE HENRY MAIER FESTIVAL PARK

TIME AUGUST 25-27

[WWW.MEXICANFIESTA.ORG](http://WWW.MEXICANFIESTA.ORG)

### USA RUGBY MEN's & WOMEN's 7s CHAMPIONSHIP

PLACE MILWAUKEE COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEX

TIME AUGUST 27 & 29

[WWW.WISCONSINRFU.COM](http://WWW.WISCONSINRFU.COM)

### COUNTY BUDGET WORKSHOP

PLACE BROWN DEER SENIOR CENTER

7841 N. 47<sup>TH</sup> STREET

TIME AUGUST 29, 1:00 – 2:30PM

### COUNTY BUDGET WORKSHOP

PLACE WASHINGTON PARK SENIOR CENTER

4420 WEST VLIET

TIME AUGUST 30, 5:30 – 7:00PM

### COUNTY BUDGET WORKSHOP

PLACE WILSON PARK SENIOR CENTER

2601 WEST HOWARD AVENUE

TIME AUGUST 31, 9:00 – 10:30AM